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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Recognition of New Guatemalan Government

We have received telegrams from Ambassador Peurifoy in Guatemala reporting that the new Government is constituted in Guatemala and that it has sent our Embassy a formal note stating that it is prepared to fulfill the international obligations of Guatemala. The new Government, which was formally established on July 2, appears to control the entire territory of Guatemala.

We are ready to send a circular telegram to all the other Governments of the American Republics (and to London, Paris and Ottawa which have indicated from time to time that they wish to coordinate recognition actions wish us) asking for the views of the Governments of the other American Republics and indicating that we are considering recognition of the new Guatemalan Government on July 13. This will allow time for some other countries to recognize sooner (El Salvador and Costa Rica have already done so), and for other countries to coordinate with us, so we will not be conspicuously in the lead or behind.

I would appreciate your informing me whether you approve of this action.

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